

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, April 7 2014 at 7:00 PM

Place Town of Champion Offices Board Room (rear of building) 10 N Broad St, West Carthage NY

Contact [Chris Vargulick](#) Town Clerk Phone (315) 493-3240 Fax(315) 493-2900

Minutes

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, April 7, 2014 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Buzzell, and Ferguson, Attorney Farley, and Highway Superintendent Sech.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and opened the meeting for public comment. No one from the public addressed the Board.

Monthly Reports

- Councilmen – Mr. Buzzell discussed the lack of access to fire hydrants in Great Bend, specifically the hydrant located at the fire barn.
- Highway Superintendent – Mr. Sech reported the following: 10T of cold patch has been utilized to date; clearing culvert pipes for proper drainage of runoff; posting roads; equipment maintenance; Mark Scoville has been hired full time; sand depleted by 75%; road side clean up; and an increase in CHIPS.
- Assessor – Mr. Vargulick reported that the tentative roll has been completed and that change notices will be sent out shortly. DC Associates has dropped the 2011 and 2012 tax certiorari claims. The NYS Department of Taxation and Finance has deleted one hundred and twenty (120) Basic STAR exemptions. Some of the Basic exemptions may be replaced by the Enhanced Exemptions but the State has not developed a procedure for reinstating other deleted STAR exemptions if they are determined to be valid.
- Planning Board/ZEO – Mr. LaBarge reported that the Planning Board is in the final review phase of a site plan review. Two zoning permits were issued in March.
- Circuit Rider – Board members congratulated the Tug Hill Commission on the successful Local Government Conference. Ms. Amyot reminded members that there is a RACOG meeting April 8, 2014.

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to approve the minutes for March 3 and March 17, 2014 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to pay the following bills as presented:

General #71-101.....	\$26,368.25
Highway #39-62.....	\$48,573.15
RACOG #7-8.....	\$95.06
CON WD#1 O&M #7-8.....	\$624.21
WD#2,4&5 O&M #17-23.....	\$6,553.13
SD#2 O&M #8-10.....	\$172.25
SD#2 Capital #3-5.....	\$12,542.44

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor’s monthly report was read and discussed. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to accept the report as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

New Business

- Board members reviewed a purchase offer from Scott Britton for parcel no. 85.12-2-36 located on Lewis Loop in the amount of \$17,500. Mr. Ferguson stated that it is a fair offer that will return the property to the tax roll. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to accept the purchase offer and to authorize the Supervisor to execute the Agreement for Sale and Purchase of Property. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to appoint James Yuhas as Deputy Clerk to the Supervisor at an annual salary of \$1,000. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to reduce the salary of Clerk to the Supervisor by \$1,000. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Buckley advised the Board that the Town Clerk had taken action in July, 2013 to lock in the Town’s electric rate thus resulting in a considerable savings to the Town for electricity.
- The Board reviewed the final draft of the Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town and the Village of West Carthage for sewer services in Sewer District #2. Mr. Watkins recommended three corrections to language/spelling. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to approve the Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town and the Village of West Carthage for sewer services in Sewer District #2 as amended and authorized the Supervisor to sign the agreement. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Highway Superintendent Sech reviewed the specifications for a truck and plow equipment. Mr. Sech recommended a 2015 Mack Granite with plow equipment from Henderson Equipment on state bid at a cost of \$214,269.02. The equipment includes a number of stainless steel upgrades to protect the equipment from the corrosive effects of salt. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to authorize the Highway Superintendent to order a 2015 Mack Granite with plow equipment from Henderson Equipment on state bid at a cost of \$214,269.02. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Board members reviewed a proposal from Cohen Law for a free review of the Town's cable franchise agreement. Motion by Mr. Buzzell to authorize the Supervisor to contact Cohen Law to review the Town's cable franchise agreement at no cost. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- The Board considered dates for road inspection. Highway Superintendent Sech will contact the County Highway Superintendent to confirm.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

Christina Vargulick
Christina Vargulick
Town Clerk